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## THOUSANDS WITNESS THRILLING TRAGEDY

### THREE FLOAT TO DEATH IN NIAGARA'S WATERS.

#### Bridge of Ice Breaks From Shorings, Carrying Down Stream Man and Wife and Youth.

Niagara Falls, N. Y., Feb. 4.—The great ice bridge, that has choked the river channel between the Cataract and the upper steel arch bridge, below the falls, for the last three weeks, broke from its shoring just at noon today and went down the river, taking with it to their death a man and a woman, believed to be Mr. and Mrs. Eldridge Stanton, of Toronto, Canada, and Burrell Heacock, 17 years of age, of Cleveland, O. Four other persons were on the ice at the time, but managed to get ashore in safety.

The bridge was considered perfectly safe. For weeks the great fields of ice had been coming down the river, piling up against the barrier, until it was from 60 to 80 feet thick, and under the influence of zero weather had become firmly anchored to the shore. The jam was about 1,000 feet in length, and in some places a quarter of a mile in breadth. For two weeks it had offered safe passage to the hardy and today an immense crowd of excursionists came to view the winter wonder of the river.

Had the accident happened an hour later in the day hundreds would have lost their lives, for the crowd was moving into Prospect Park in the elevators that run down the cliff leading to the ice.

#### No Thought of Self.

Somewhere deep in the great whirlpool tonight lies the man partly identified as Mr. Stanton, who twice put aside chances of rescue in order to remain with his terror-stricken wife, and who in the shadow of death—just at the break in the rapids—spurned assistance for himself and attempted to bind about the woman's body a rope dangling from the lower steel arch bridge. The lad, Burrell Heacock, was cast in the same mould. Had he not turned back on the ice to give assistance to the man, he, too, might have made the shore.

#### MOB LYNCHES NEGRO.

#### Taken From Officers in Railroad Yards Betrayed by Chains' Rattle.

Macon, Ga., Feb. 4.—Charles Powell, a negro, who assaulted and robbed a young white woman here last night, was taken from officers and lynched by a mob early today.

The lynching took place in the yards of the Georgia Southern & Florida railroad, four miles from Macon, where the officers, hoping to outwit the mob, had gone with their prisoner to take a train for Atlanta. Powell was tied to a telegraph pole and hundreds of bullets fired into his body.

The crime with which the negro was charged was committed about 11 o'clock last night while the young woman was on her way home from the work in the downtown district. She was seized by Powell, dragged down an embankment and assaulted. Two policemen, summoned by two young men who heard the young woman's cries, arrived on the scene just as the negro made his way up the embankment with his victim's purse.

#### FAIR WARNING.

#### A Line to the Wise Ought to Be Sufficient, But Sometimes Is Not.

Although the majority of The Herald and News subscribers renew promptly at the expiration of their subscriptions, or send word that they "will pay in a few days," or words to that effect, still there are numbers of them—the subscription lists of The Herald and News containing a great many names—who wait until their names are cut off then send renewals with requests for back numbers. The management doesn't mind putting the names back on the list, although it would be much more convenient to keep them there, but it is not so easy to furnish back copies of the paper. For several reasons. One reason is

that often the demand exceeds the supply, and the very time you might "want one the worse" there would perhaps be no back number. Things happen that way.

It is easy enough. If you desire to continue your subscription, why not look at the label. It is no trouble. Turn your paper to the front. Look on the margin at top of page. If it reads 15Feb12 send in renewal or notify the office that you wish the paper continued to your address. If this is not done the names will have to be dropped regardless of persons, because all are treated alike. This is written on account of the way in which some people act. They are like some other people when it comes to the "purely personal" column. When visitors come to their homes, instead of furnishing the newspaper man with the names so that friends may know that they are in the city, they leave the matter to the newspaper man as though he should be expected to know who comes and goes all the time. It is an accommodation to the public that should be appreciated and whose advantages ought to be availed of. But some people are so constituted that they are afraid that if their name appears in print the public will think they furnish the information themselves, hence the reporter has to grab such as he can on the fly without much assistance, relying sometimes on the goodness of some one who will help him a little in this respect. Human nature is a bundle of inconsistencies, contradictions, idiosyncracies, eccentricities, peculiarities, mystifications and nonsense. The newspaper has been blamed for mentioning certain people and on the other hand blamed for not mentioning certain persons. Some let it be known when they go and come, others do not like such publicity, whether it pays to advertise or not. In the circumstances, what is a poor reporter to do about it? Be cussed if he does and be cussed if he doesn't. A man hopped on him Wednesday for not going to the dynamite demonstration. No one sent a hack to take him the two miles and back to give a free puff to a powder house. Still the newspaper man must stop his work, hire hack and give a big free advertisement. If any one interested had written a description of the experiment The Herald and News would have printed it gratis. That is all that could reasonably be expected of it.

#### DOUBLE SUICIDE ENDS ROMANCE.

#### One Month Married, Couple Inhales Deadly Gas—Sequel to Sensational Elopement.

New York, Feb. 4.—A double suicide today ended the romance of the former wife of Walter L. Suydam and Frederick Noble, the young plumber, for the love of whom Mrs. Suydam ran away from her millionaire husband and married.

The bodies of Noble and his bride of a month were found in their New York home today. The couple had been asphyxiated by gas. The suicide pact, the discovery of its results by Mrs. John J. White, of Washington, the mother of Mrs. Noble, and other features of the case were sensational.

The suicides left no notes to explain their act, but the police were convinced that it was a case of double suicide. The coroner also declared that the circumstances left no doubt that such was the case. He said the couple probably had been dead three or four hours before their bodies were found.

A few minutes after the discovery, Mrs. Noble's former husband, Walter Lisperand Suydam, a millionaire, was summoned by telephone and arrived quickly in his automobile. He was much affected by the news of the suicide of the woman. He was not allowed to view the body, which was later given over to the custody of the mother.

#### It Is So Easy to Learn, Too.

Newlywed—I didn't see you Sunday. Did you stay home?  
Oldhubby—Yes. My wife taught me a new game called bashmarah.  
Newlywed—How do you play it?  
Oldhubby—You hang a carpet on a line and see how many times you can hit it with a stick.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

#### A NEWBERRY BOY.

#### J. Epps Brown Gets an Additional Honor—Vice President of Another Telephone Co.

The Herald and News is always gratified when any Newberry boy makes good, either at home or abroad. It is also gratifying that a great many of our young men, in fact, nearly all of them who go out from home, make a record of which their friends at home may be justly proud.

All of us know J. Epps Brown, and we know something of the success



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which he has attained in the telephone business as vice president and general manager of the Southern Bell Telephone company, practically the business head of this great corporation. Only a few days ago, he was elected one of the vice presidents and directors of the Cumberland Telephone and Telegraph company at a meeting held in Nashville, Tenn. Mr. Brown will continue to have his office headquarters in Atlanta.

Mr. W. T. Gentry, who is president of the Southern Bell Telephone company, is one of the best business men in the South and with it one of the fine gentlemen of the South. Mr. Brown began his career in the telephone business as chief clerk to Mr. Gentry and by his own worth, hard work, and attention to business, he has risen to second in command of these two great Southern companies.

#### JONES MAY RESIGN.

#### Chairman of Democratic Party to Resign—Convention in Columbia in May.

Columbia State.

Gen. Willie Jones, for 14 years Chairman of the State Democratic executive committee, will very probably offer his resignation when the State Democratic convention meets here on May 15. He has made no official announcement, yet it is practically certain that he will resign. Gen. Jones served for 16 years as secretary of the State executive committee before his election to the chairmanship, and has attended several national conventions as a delegate at large, serving the party at considerable personal expense.

#### Saluda Man Honored.

Saluda Standard.  
Gov. Blease has appointed Mr. C. J. Ramage on the State board of education to succeed Hon. H. F. Rice, of Aiken, who has lately been elected to the bench by the legislature. We join the people of Saluda in extending Mr. Ramage our congratulations and we feel sure that Gov. Blease has made a wise choice and that Mr. Ramage will serve his State ably in this capacity.

#### Since Teacher Did Not Know.

It was in the primary class of a graded school in a Western city, and the day was the 22nd of February. "Now, who can tell me whose birthday this is?" asked the teacher.

A little girl rose timidly. "Well, Margaret, you may tell us," said the teacher.

"Mine," was the unexpected reply. —Everybody's Magazine.

#### Putting it Plainly.

"What did the banker's daughter say when you asked her to marry you?"

"She said I would have to go to par before she could take stock in my proposition."—Baltimore American.

#### MAYES' BOOK, VARIETY STORE.

#### Commodious New Quarters Give Fine Opportunity for Display of Big Stock.

The commodious new quarters of Mayes' Book and Variety Store, at the corner of Main and College streets, in the room formerly occupied by the Ewart-Perry company, give more room and a great deal better opportunity for the convenient arrangement and display of the handsome stock carried by this enterprising establishment. The several departments of the



JNO. B. MAYES.

big store are now arranged in attractive shape, and are shown to fine advantage.

For many years the name of this store has been Mayes' Book Store. This name included only one department of the business, and while the book department is a credit to the city it is by no means the greater part of the establishment. Hence, Mr. John B. Mayes, the proprietor, has changed the name of the store to Mayes' Book and Variety Store.

The book and stationery department is now in the front, on the left as one enters, and in other sections are the leather goods, the fountain pens, the cut glass and other glass ware, the pictures, the toys and hundreds of other things which go to make up a real variety store. In addition to the many lines which he is now carrying, Mr. Mayes will in the very near future put in a line of enamel ware.

By strict attention to business and by honest business methods, Mr. Mayes has built up this store year by year, until he has made it one of the biggest and best establishments of the kind in this section of country. His stock always keeps up with the seasons. Just at the present time he has a big and fine display of Valentines, of every description and at prices to suit everybody.

Mr. Mayes is always glad to have his friends call to see him, and will be glad for them to come and see his new quarters.

#### THE IDLER.

"The dead do not all die, rather they rest in the bosom of those who loved them best. After some time be past they come again to solace and comfort us." I wonder if that is true. I know that the dead do not always die, for there are some who rest in the bosom of those who loved them best, but will they ever come again to comfort and solace? Nay, nay, I fear not, but we are told that we may go to them and that there will be recognition there and that the reunion will be happy. They can never come back and remove the loneliness and the darkness of the desolation.

"Leave to the diamond its ages to grow, nor expect to accelerate the births of the eternal. Friendship demands a religious treatment. We talk of choosing our friends, but friends are self-elected." I have observed a good deal in my day and I am about ready to believe this statement. Real friendship that best are not easily made, and they are few and far between. It is so in this day, we may have been so always for all that

I know. Selfishness is the predominating characteristic of this age and it knows very little of real, true, genuine friendship. True, there are many who will do you a favor, but nine times out of 10 they will expect something in return for it at some time or other. I am not pessimistic. I am optimistic by nature, and I wish sometimes that I had remained in the country and not known so much of life and seen so much of human nature. Maybe I am all wrong. I hope I am. The sun is shining somewhere. It never goes down. The darkness and the clouds and the storms are necessary to existence they tell us. Maybe it is so. Anyhow they come.

"It's a roof and four walls—that's all any house is, without the spirit that makes it home." Nothing was more truly spoken. Money and wealth and luxuries do not make home. It takes something else. And when that something else is gone there is no longer any home.

I read the following in the Atlanta Constitution the other day. It was in Frank Stanton's column. It might be interesting at this time to some who are aspiring for position. Read it:

#### The Wisdom of Dad.

Dad says that when he was a boy they told him he'd be president some day, and after he grew up he went to Washington and saw the Chair the President sits in, and he said to himself: "I can fill it to a T." But when he came home and told the folks about it they shook their heads and said something about wheels in other people's heads. He didn't like that, and just to show 'em there was something in him he ran for the office of road overseer, and was beat by a man with one eye and one leg. After that the only thing he would run for was a Stormpint when he saw a cyclone coming. All Politicians and Office-seekers are not as wise as Dad is.

I was just thinking the other day what a glorious country we could have if we could get our people always to speak kindly and pleasantly of each other, and stop this thing of saying unkind things of one another. Had you ever thought of it. Why should there be so much crime and so much struggling to get rich? This life is but a span at best. But I am going to talk about something else this time, and finish my sermon at some future time when I feel better.

By the way, I see the government has commenced work on the new post-office building. I reckon that means that we will have a new building in Newberry within the next two years or less. We have a pretty nice post-office now. It won't hurt, however, for the government to spend some fifty thousand or more in the community. What a pity Friend street was not widened when there was an opportunity to widen the street. Somehow our people are slow to act when it comes to public improvements.

What about that street paving Mr. Mayor? Of course, I understand that you can not work with the weather that we have had recently, but there is nothing to prevent you getting everything ready to begin work when the weather conditions are good. The condition of the streets in Newberry for the past several weeks is sufficient argument for some permanent street work. Do it now. That is the only sensible way to do it. What is the use to wait? Newberry needs to wake up and do something. Do you see the point? I hope you do.

"Somebody said once that all the wars had been caused by one set of people trying to force their opinions upon another set, who did not desire to have their opinions changed." Now, I am for peace. I do not want any opinions upon any one, but I am giving them for what they are worth, and if I can not convince you that I am right then I don't want you to adopt my opinions, but take those of some one else who knows better what is needed than I do. That is all there is to it.

The Idler.

## SYNOPSIS OF WORK OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### LEGISLATURE HAS MADE GOOD TIME DURING SESSION.

#### Shaping Matters to Adjourn Without Usual Rush—Review of Session by August Kohn.

Columbia, Feb. 4.—The general assembly will continue in session for two weeks, when it will adjourn. The work of the session is particularly well in hand, and if it really became necessary an adjournment could be had prior to the 17th, which is the fortieth day of the session. The appropriation bill is in hand, and could, according to the custom of previous years, be passed and ready for ratification by the end of the week, but it is evident that the purpose is to allow latitude for emergencies, and, of course, in this particular instance the emergency is the veto power of the governor.

Last year, it will be remembered, a great many of the members went home prior to the approval of the appropriation bill, with many items eliminated as a result of the veto power.

#### As it Used to Be.

It is perhaps fifteen or twenty years since my good friend, A. B. Williams, wrote a story about the general assembly that was then in session, and he denominated it as a "June bug legislature." This was intended to mean that the legislature was allowed at that time to fly at pleasure, but that there was a "string" tied to the left hind leg from "down-stairs," and whenever the "June bug" flew too high, or got out of bounds, the "string" from "down-stairs" was pulled and the "June bug" had to stop its flight. What was a very apt description of the general assembly in those days, but whatever is least apt to be tied with the "string" from "downstairs" would be best applicable to the present general assembly. Of course, everyone who knows anything about legislation understands that "down-stairs" is intended to mean the governor's office, and the "up-stairs" is in no degree responsible in this year of our Lord to the "down-stairs." This condition of affairs and the generous use of the veto power has made the general assembly cautious in one respect, and expeditious in another.

By way of illustration: At the last session of the general assembly a commission form of government bill was passed, as applied to the city of Charleston. Governor Blease vetoed the bill and argued that it was not a correct form of government. The house has passed a bill incorporating verbatim the act that has been vetoed, with certain additions as to registration and operation.

#### Law As to Veto Power.

There is a clause in the constitution which reads as follows: "If a bill or joint resolution shall not be returned by the governor within three days after it shall have been presented to him, Sundays excepted, it shall have the same force and effect as if he had signed it unless the general assembly, by adjournment, prevent its return, in which case it shall have such force and effect unless returned within two days after the next meeting." It is to meet this emergency that the general assembly is giving itself two weeks.

In other words, such bills as the re-funding measure, the commission form of government bill, and various other matters, will be in the hands of the governor, according to the present program, three days prior to the adjournment. If they are not vetoed within these three days, they will become the law of the State, anyway, and if they are vetoed, they must be returned, as the provision of the constitution contemplates, in time for them to be acted upon prior to final adjournment by this general assembly.

This is indicative of the sentiment in the house and senate; that is, that the important matters should be disposed of finally and conclusively by the present membership as they invite responsibility. It is the correct way in which to legislate, and as a matter of fact the best thing that could happen for the State would be not to consid-